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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, BQG
SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF BERLIN IN OFFICIAL UN DOCUMENTS

REFS: (A) USUN 5708 (NOTAL); (B) BONN 20802
(C) STATE 279781; (D) BONN 19510; (E) BONN 19217;
(F) BONN 14059 (NOTAL) (G) 75 STATE 150328 AND PREVIOUS

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FRG HAS DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE THE
QUESTION OF THE TREATMENT OF BERLIN IN OFFICIAL UN
DOCUMENTS FOR THE MOMENT. IT HAS CONSIDERED VARIOUS
DEMARCHES AND OTHER FORMS OF PRESSURE ON THE UN, BUT
BELIEVES THAT NONE OF THESE WOULD BE EFFECTIVE. THE
FRG SUGGESTS THAT WE CLOSELY FOLLOW THE LISTING AND
DESIGNATION OF BERLIN IN UN DOCUMENTS IN THE NEAR
FUTURE. FOR NOW IT WILL ACCEPT, TACITLY AND WITH
RELUCTANCE, THE SUBTITLE FOR WEST BERLIN AS INSISTED
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UPON BY THE UN LEGAL ADVISER (REF A). END SUMMARY.

1. AT THE DECEMBER 20 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP
VON BRAUNMUEHL REPORTED THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND
THE FRG MISSION AT UN/NEW YORK HAD EXCHANGED VIEWS ON
THE DECEMBER 5 ALLIED DEMARCHE TO UN LEGAL ADVISER SUY
ON THE LISTING OF BERLIN IN UN DOCUMENTS (REF A).

VON BRAUNMUEHL RECALLED THAT THE UK REP (EYERS) HAD EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE DECEMBER 13 BONN GROUP MEETING ABOUT SUY'S REJECTION OF THE DEMARCHE AND HAD WONDERED IF SUY HAD CHANGED HIS POSITION. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THAT THE FRG MISSION BELIEVED HE HAD INDEED CHANGED HIS POSITION, BUT IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHY. FOR SOME TIME, SUY HAD TAKEN A FIRM VIEW ON THE QUESTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALLIED POSITION. WHEN HE RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FOR HIS DECISIONS FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL, HE ADAPTED HIMSELF TO THE POWER STRUCTURE PREVAILING AT THE UN. (VON BRAUNMUEHL NOTED THAT THE USSR WAS RATHER STRONGLY REPRESENTED IN THE UN'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT.) SUY WOULD SOON BE UP FOR REAPPOINTMENT AND IT WAS FELT THAT HE WAS NOT READY TO EXPOSE HIMSELF TO THE DANGER OF HAVING DECISIONS DISAVOWED BY HIS SUPERIORS. THE FRG THUS BELIEVED ANOTHER DEMARCHE TO SUY WOULD ONLY INCREASE HIS INTRANSIGENCE.

2. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THE FRG HAD CONSIDERED MAKING A DEMARCHE TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, BUT THIS WOULD PROBABLY ONLY EMBARRASS HIM. HE RECALLED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD BEEN VERY FIRM ON THE QUESTION OF THE RUSSIAN TRANSLATION OF "FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY" IN UN DOCUMENTS. ALTHOUGH THE ALLIED CASE HAD BEEN STRONGER, WALDHEIM DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED AND HAD LEFT THE MATTER AS IT WAS. THE FRG
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HAD ALSO CONSIDERED STRONGER MEASURES: NOT MAKING CERTAIN PAYMENTS OR NOT PROVIDING CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE UN, BUT SUCH STEPS DID NOT SEEM USEFUL IN THE

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PRESENT CASE.

3. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THE FRG HAD DECIDED NOT TO USE ITS FALL-BACK PROPOSAL, WHICH PROVIDED FOR TAGGING WEST BERLIN WITH A FOOTNOTE REFERRING TO THE QA (REF B, PARA 4.F.) SUY HAD ASKED THAT BERLIN BE SEPARATED FROM THE FRG BY A BLANK SPACE AND HEADED BY THE SUBTITLE "BERLIN (WEST)". THE FRG FEARED THAT IF IT PRESSED FOR THE FOOTNOTE, IT MIGHT DAMAGE THE DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK SOLUTION (FOOTNOTES FOR BOTH EAST AND WEST BERLIN - SEE REF G).

4. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THE FRG THUS SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR THE MOMENT TO DISCONTINUE OUR EFFORTS. WE SHOULD CLOSELY OBSERVE THE PRACTICE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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COMING WEEKS, ESPECIALLY IN CORRIGENDUM SHEETS (REF F). HE STRESSED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT FORMALLY ACCEPT THE UN PRACTICE. OTHERWISE, SUY COULD CLAIM IT WAS BINDING UPON US. IF THE UN TRIED TO CHANGE THE PRACTICE IN THE FUTURE TO SOMETHING EVEN LESS ACCEPTABLE, WE COULD EFFECTIVELY ARGUE THAT WE HAD NOT EVEN ACCEPTED THE CURRENT PRACTICE.

5. THE ALLIED REPS ACCEPTED VON BRAUNMUEHL'S PROPOSAL.

6. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE USUN KEEPING US INFORMED OF ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER. STOESEL

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